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The Communist Party of Argentina (CPA) has been currently revalidating the carnets (membership cards) of its members. Although this is an annual procedure. CPA has never before exercised so much care and rigid control.

- 2. CPA leaders have been taking advantage of the revalidation process to wake loyalty investigations of members. Cell leaders have been ordered to make a careful check on all cell members and the Communist revalidation board in particular is watching for any evidences of disloyalty.
- 3. Leaders fear that some party members have been converted to Peronismo and are being used as informants by the Argentine police. Several CPA members have been subjected to extensive interrogations regarding their associations with Peronistas or with members of dissident Communist groups.
- h. Each member is required to present his old carnet together with a receipt from his employer, indicating his salary. As Communist dues are assessed proportionately, the employer's receipt is used to determine whether or not the member's dues are in proportion to his income. Members are also questioned in detail regarding their present employment, working conditions, fellow employees, and so forth. At the same time, each member is urged to contribute to the Communist publications, La Hora and Orientacion.

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